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TO : Colonel []
Special Deputy, Project PBSUCCESS

DATE: 12 December 1953

FROM : Chief, Special Security Division

SUBJECT: PBSUCCESS
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1. Reference is made to your memorandum of 10 December 1953 which requests advice relative to the operational support this Division is prepared to render the captioned Project.

2. In accordance with your request, there is attached hereto an original and two copies of a blind memorandum commenting on the support required in the implementation of the Project as outlined in referenced memorandum, and as discussed with you and representatives of your office.

3. As you are aware, the Security Office has not been afforded an opportunity to review the project plan and related material. Under these circumstances, the comments concerning support, attached hereto, are necessarily dependent on and related to any action taken to date looking toward the implementation of the project.

FOR THE DIRECTOR OF SECURITY:

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In considering a 1500 man operation, it is envisioned that, as in the case of Identity A, approximately 30 special sab missions may be executed by teams led by infiltrated "outside" trained specialists. In addition to the above, our TO & E has been computed on the basis of approximately 20 area organizers, approximately 120 couriers, psy-war infiltrates, safehouse keepers, guards, etc.

In addition to the specialists above, it is assumed that a future operation could consist of: 1. small units operating in scattered areas under separate commands on special hit and run type paramilitary operations, or 2. larger units as tactical units forming more formidable attack forces, or 3. any combination of the two.

Therefore, we have endeavored to come up with a basic unit (see breakdown) which is comparatively self-sufficient command, firepower, medical and demolition wise.

Forces operating in multiples of this basic unit are joined by appropriate command and staff groups as well as additions in support, weapon and communications proficiency.

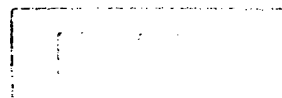
The smallest self-sufficient unit is the 14 man basic unit when three or more basic units combine to form " platoons" for want of a better word. At platoon level, mortars and technical commo are added to the already present rifle, SMG, LMG, Demo, survival and medical self-sufficiency.

At "company" level, 3 or more "platoon"-sized units, heavier mortar support and additional communications, and a staff are gained.

Although for TE purposes technical communications is not gained by the basic unit until 3 units are joined, it is feasible to assume special situations may arise in which you will desire either basic units to have commo to base, or agent radios may be inserted independent of the normal TE. Allowance of 5 Angre-9's has been made.

In addition to the normal unit demolitions allowance, the TE includes sabotage equipment for 45 rail cut missions, 5 power cut (pole and tower), 12 commo cuts (demo), 5 power cuts (generating stations), 5 gasoline storage destructions, 10 warehouse destructions, 8 UDF missions, 5 port facility sab missions, and 8 bridge destruction missions. Technical equipment has been held to a minimum to coincide with WH desires for plausible denial. Same is included in Basic Unit Kit. However, if the situation warrants, enough sterile burn and blast gear is available in the kit to complete the estimated destruction missions without the benefit of professional "tools".

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Basic Unit - 15 Men

- 1 - C. O. rifleman
- 5 - riflemen
- 2 - AT men (1 rifle, 1 pistol, 1-AT)
- 2 - LMG men (1 rifle, 1 pistol, 1-LMG)
- 3 - demo men - 3 rifles

Gear, Weapons and Ammo

- 10 rifles 450 rds/wpn
- 2 pistols 75 rds/wpn
- 3 SMG 600 rds/wpn
- 1 LMG 2000 rds/wpn
- 1 AT 100 rds/wpn
- 28 frag grenades
- 28 concussion grenades
- 2 compasses
- 14 canteens
- 1 wrist watch
- 1 flash light
- 14 blankets (compensate for area difference)
- 1 pair wire cutters
- 2 machetes
- 50 feet $\frac{1}{2}$ " manila rope
- 1 axe
- 1 cross cut saw
- 1 medical kit

In addition, limpets and UDT gear provided for along with section on Special Operations.

Basic Unit's demo team carries kit as follows:

- 40# TNT
- 30 ft. Time Fuse
- 20 caps non-electric
- 60 ft. prima cord
- 10 fuse matches
- 5 fuse lighters
- 11 time pencils
- 1 crimper
- 2 pocket knives
- 2 rolls friction tape
- 2 RR torpedoes
- 2 pressure fuses
- 40 road nails
- 3 AC delays
- 3 incendiary heads for AC delay

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2 pocket, time incendiary
2 oil contaminant kits
2 shaped charges
3# explosive flour
2 stingers
5# Napalm mix
1 - 10 cap blasting machine
250 ft. firing wire
100 ft. annunciator wire
1 galvanometer
50 electric caps

3 basic units require the following additions in TO & E:

Add

C. O. rifle

Exec rifle

2 commo men 1-rifle, 1-pistol

1 medic 1-pistol

4 runners 4-rifles

9 man light mortar section (4 guns, 5 rifles, 4 pistols)

Total TE/Platoon (63 Men)

42 rifles
12 pistols
90 SMG
3 LMG
3 AT
4 .47mm mortars
2 Angre-9's complete with generators and spare parts
84 Conc grenades
84 Frag grenades
63 blankets
63 canteens
11 wrist watches
14 compasses
7 flash lights
150 ft. $\frac{1}{2}$ " rope
3 wire cutters
6 machetes
3 axes
3 cross cut saws
3 demo kits
4 medical kits

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3 Platoons require addition of the following:

- 1 C.O.
- 1 Exec.
- 4 Staff
- 6 Runners
- 3 Medics
- 2 Commo
- 18 Heavy mortar section (4 mortars, 4 pistols, 14 rifles)
- 4 LMG men, 2 pistols, 2 rifles, 2 LMG's
(an addition - mortar protection)

Total TE (228 men)

- 149 rifles
- 46 pistols
- 27 SMG
- 11 LMG
- 9 AT
- 12 .47 mm mortar
- 4 .81mm mortar
- 8 Angrc-9's
- 252 conc. grenades
- 252 frag grenades
- 9 demo kits
- 14 medical kits
- 228 canteens
- 228 blankets
- 450 ft. manila rope
- 29 flash lights
- 53 compasses
- 41 wrist watches
- 9 wire cutters
- 20 machetes
- 10 axes
- 10 cross cut saws

Note: Add 5% to weapons where spare parts not available

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TE 3000 Men

1. Rifles - preferably Soviet 7.62 with slings	1937	1861
2. LMG - preferably Degytron w/ 3 pans per weapon	143	73
3. Pistol - preferably German or Italian with 2 clips/wpn - no holsters	748	534
4. Sub Machine Gun - preferably Madsen 9mm or other 9mm. 3 mags/wpn - no carriers	400	549
5. Mortar - .47mm German with pack straps and sights and base plate	156	67
6. Mortar - .81mm preferably Italian with small base plate, sights	52	10
7. Grenade - Frag, preferably Canadian	3300	1601
8. Grenade - Conc.	3300	--
9. Grenades - WP	400	400
10. AT weapon - Preferably German Bazooka comparable to 2.36 w/spare parts	117	--
11. Rifle Ammo -	450/wpn	191
LMG "	2000/wpn	2485
SMG "	600	250
Pistol "	100	100
AT "	100	--
.47mm "	120	120
.81mm "	70	89
12. Leaflet Bombs - (hand held)	800	
13. Telegraphic Keys	20	
14. Demo kits	117	approx same
15. In addition to above demo kits:		
a. Limpet, magnetic	100	
b. Rod, placing, limpet mag	100	
c. Limpet, pinup	50	
d. Placing device, limpet pinup	50	
e. Limpet connector	50	
f. AC delays	50	
g. Swing gear	25	

16. In addition to above, for special operations:
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| a. TNT - LBS | 1345 |
| b. Time Fuse - FT | 450 |
| c. Shaped charges | 50 |
| d. Non-electric caps | 310 |
| e. Electric caps | 110 |
| f. RR torpedoes | 60 |
| g. Pressure fuses | 30 |
| h. Prima Cord - FT | 1900 |
| i. Rolls friction tape | 192 |
| j. Blasting Machines | 14 |
| k. Firing wire | 7000 Ft. |
| l. Galvanometers | 14 |
| m. Annunciator wire | 2300 Ft. |
| n. Crimpers | 120 |
| o. Fuse lighters | 35 |
| p. Pocket time incendiary | 100 |
| q. Incendiary Head with AC delay | 150 |
| r. Compass (sterile but dependable) | 700 |
| s. Wrist watches | |
| t. Compasses | |
| u. Wire Cutters | |
| v. Axes | |
| w. Cross cut saws | |
17. In addition to the above, which stock it is recommended be stockpiled from agency stock, the following gear should be obtained by purchase on the local market from sterile agency stores and stockpiled:
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| Flashlights | 377 |
| Wire Cutters | 147 |
| Axes | 130 |
| Cross cut saws | 130 |
| Machetes | 260 |
| Blankets | 2500 |
| Canteens | 2500 |
| Manila rope | 5000 Ft. |
18. In addition, although limited shelf life prevents storage in stockpile, the following items would be necessary in order to complete the TE once an operation is imminent:
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| Flashlights, 2 cell | 377 |
| Batteries | 754 |
| Angrc-9 complete with hand generator, spare parts, | 53 |
| 4 extra batteries, microphone | |
- NOTE: Only one - 1500 man operation provided for in this event plus 5 average.

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Packaging:

The packaging of the gear should be considered at this time. A minimum of 40 days should be allowed the packing team if conducted in the manner of Identity A, i. e., moving a task force to DTROBALC to pack as needed: i.e., burial and pre-D-day movement to underground, bundling for resupply, etc.

It is suggested that pre-packaging can be conducted more easily at headquarters facilities and that at least some pre-packaging be done in this area in the event.

On the basis of Identity A standards, approximately 1/3 of the tonnage was pre-packaged in small portable burial kits.

The breakdown in ammo and weapons and demo was such that packages were prepared for the smaller basic units and as the basic unit approached platoon and company size, other marked packages were added to bring the TE up to proportion: i.e., in this manner - 1/3 of the overall stockpile would be packed at headquarters. The basic units TE was broken into 100 pound packages with each three basic unit.

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